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As you will remember, during your visit with Jake Esterline, he mentioned new liberalized retirement benefits for Secret Service and FBI personnel and you asked him to pass the word to me so that you could be brought up to date.

The new benefits referred to appear to be those that are made available through the District of Columbia Policemen and Firemen Retirement and Disability system to Secret Service personnel who, for ten or more years, perform duties directly related to the protection of the President. Otherwise, are caused by Civil Service retirement.

Last October the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act was amended to up date it to a number of improvements made to the Civil Service system in 1957 when the Act was first passed.

The October amendments also liberalized the retirement formula to accelerate retirement and aid in retention of policemen and firemen, following the lead of other big cities such as Boston, Oklahoma City, Phoenix, New Orleans and New York:

- Remove 50 year age requirement for voluntary retirement after twenty years of service.

- Increase from 2% to 2 1/2% the annuity computation factor

so that after twenty years of service, an annuity equal to 50% of salary would be payable. This increase, plus the existing 3% annuity for every year over twenty years of service would mean that an annuity equal to 80% of salary could be earned in thirty years.

--Increase maximum annuity from 70 to 80% of salary.

Finally the October amendments provide a \$50,000.00 lump sum payment to the dependent survivors of policemen or firemen killed in the performance of duty in addition to the survivor annuity paid to his widow and dependent children.

Secret Service personnel qualifying for coverage under the Act are entitled to all of the above mentioned benefits. However, for the Secret Service employee who is killed in the performance of duty there would have to be an election between the benefits provided under the Act and those due the survivors under the Federal Employee Compensation Act which also applies to such cases since the individual was a federal employee.

The Act also applies to Park Police and the Executive Protection Agency (formerly the White House Police). The legislation moved routinely through the Congress under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia Committee and without significant debate. Upon checking, we learned that Frank G. Stoner, Liaison Officer, United States Secret Service,

who served in a liaison capacity with the Agency, received the  
benefits of this legislation which became effective \_\_\_\_\_.

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Remarks: Hugh, The attached, in the table on page 8, reports the cost of various liberalizing retirement amendments similar to those which we just obtained and reported "did not involve a measurable cost impact". To the extent that this report contradicts the accuracy of our statement, I wanted you to be aware of it and to bring it to Mr. Bush's attention so that he could obtain from Mr. Kroll or others such clarification as is warranted. Please let me know the outcome.					
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